

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION

April 17, 2014

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Chair Congleton presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Geier-Smith, Kocsis, Congleton
Panettieri

Absentees:

Gomez, Schwarz, Park

Staff Attending:

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Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Chair Congleton.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Kocsis and seconded by Commissioner Geier-Smith to approve the minutes from March 14, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Congleton informed that the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding Residential Studios remains under review. He will follow up with the Department of Planning and Zoning at a later date for updates to share with the Commission. The next meeting of the Residential Studios Committee is May 27, 2014 at 7:00p.m. in Conference Rooms 9/10.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman initiated a discussion regarding meeting dates for the Commission. It was suggested that the Commission review dates for each calendar year in July so a room for selected meeting dates can be reserved.
- The FY 2015 Board Budget Mark-up was April 17, 2014. The formal adoption of the FY 2015 budget plan is April 29, 2014.

Staff Report

- A summary of a case involving a tenant facing foreclosure was discussed. Information regarding Protecting Tenants in Foreclosure Act was reviewed. The case was resolved through mediation.
- Staff requested input from the Commission regarding a dispute about depreciation and normal wear and tear of a carpet relating to a complaint currently being mediated. Commissioners offered information.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. Meeting availability was updated.
- A motion was made by Chair Congleton that the May meeting be cancelled. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geier-Smith. The motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is June 19, 2014.
- Chair Congleton informed the Commission of the resignation of Commissioner McRae. She will be relocating to Charlotte, North Carolina. A letter on behalf of the Commission will be sent thanking Commissioner McRae for her service since 1998.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- The Northern Virginia Housing Expo on March 29, 2014, at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield was well attended. The Fairfax County Department of Housing, who displayed information from the Tenant-Landlord Commission and Consumer Affairs, reported that there was a lot of interest in the information. Most of the brochures and information provided were selected by the event attendees.
- Information from the Fair Housing Month Forum and Luncheon on Thursday, April 10, 2014, was distributed to the Commission. Director Liberman informed that this event was also covered by Cable Channel 16.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Panettieri and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.